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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The trade sentiment for 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms steady to fully steady. Limited sales reported for prompt shipments. Offerings sufficient for trade needs. Demand for spot loads of frozen whole birds for distribution and fill in basis fairly good, along with increased interest for fresh whole birds. Bulk parts trading was slow. Most buyers finding limited availability of product. Trading centered on light volumes of mechanically separated turkey and fresh tom breast meat.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on heavy volume of frozen thigh meat, balance of items light. Demand in a full range with most exporters finding it difficult to fill export orders. Interest noted from Mexico and Russia, however Mexico starting to slow as current permits are filled and lapse at the end of September.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 20, 2001**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-71	70	70.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	66	66.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	69	69.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-71	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	64-67	64	64.00	240	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	65	65.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF SEP 21, 2001	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	69.28	68.83	77.57
CENTRAL REGION	69.00	68.17	75.99
WESTERN REGION	68.80 **	68.91	76.60 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	64.64	65.00	74.00
CENTRAL REGION	64.00	64.69	73.67
WESTERN REGION	64.80 **	63.01	73.30 **

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	98
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	98
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	68-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	68-76
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	69-76

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	87-102
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	81-99
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	93-101

FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT U.S. GRADE A,
DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS
PER POUND, WEEK OF 24-SEP-2001

	(8-16#)	(16-24#)
	HENS	LBS TOMS
	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
	(000)	(000)
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	76.60	337 70.82
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	76.60	337 70.82
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)		
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		

TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND
(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS**

AUGUST	462,849*
SEPTEMBER 1-15, 2001	231,041*
To date 2001	3,659,148*
To date 2000	3,738,560*

* PRELIMINARY

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 15-Sep-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>			<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>		
	PCT	AVG		OLD	AVG
	CHG	LIVE		BANDED	LIVE
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	PW	WT	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	WT	
N EAST	862	8	20.95	(A)	863
SATL	926	19	26.14	(A)	927
N CENT	2,442	20	28.46	(A)	2,444
S CENT	422	21	20.41	(A)	423
WEST	522	5	25.08	(A)	523
U.S.TOTAL	5,174(B)	16	25.80	6	5,180
TO DATE					
2001	176,175(B)			423	176,598
TO DATE					
2000	176,129(B)			1,052	177,181

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 95,000; for the year 1,583,000; last year to date 958,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 15-Sep-2001

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	<u>THOUSANDS</u>				
HEAD	2,152	2,927	95	6	5,180
AVG WT	15.48	33.42	24.77	22.24	26.04
LAST WEEK	1,816	2,624	27	7	4,474
SAME WK YR AGO	2,286	2,909	52	47	5,294
AVG WT	15.34	31.77	23.07	26.89	24.55
TO-DATE/2001	74,115	100,477	1,583	423	176,598
TO-DATE/2000	175,171(A)		958	1,052	177,181

(A) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 20 SEPTEMBER 2001.

The trade sentiment was mostly steady on thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey (MST). Demand was light to fair with mixed availability noted. Some spot trading was noted on frozen thigh meat and offers of frozen MST at lower price levels. Bulk parts trade sentiment was steady to firm with the limited offerings held with confidence. Trade sentiment on 4-8 lb. breasts was steady to fully steady with private labels strongest. Demand ranged slow to fair. Offerings of 4-8 lb. breasts were light to adequate with private labels the least available. Trading of all items centered on light volumes of fresh tom breast meat and fresh MST for domestic shipments. Grade A non-basted 10-12 lb. breasts traded at 110 and fresh wing meat at 75 cents delivered domestic. Export inquiry ranged light to fair with some noting a less aggressive buyer interest from Mexico.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	103.67	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	154.00		154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	93.33	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	37.00		37.00	103
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH				
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	34.00-35.00		34.11	45
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	36.00		36.00	24
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	34.00-35.00		34.05	42
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	39.00		39.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		F	50.73	55
NECKS, TOM	33.00-37.00		34.92	98
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00		165.00	47
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	185.50-189.00		186.45	220
THIGH MEAT		W	70.00	6
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	68.00		68.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	124.15	94
SCAPULA MEAT		W	130.00	40
TENDERLOINS	143.00		143.00	12
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		W	147.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		W	153.00	160
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		W	74.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.00		18.00	300
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	37.00		37.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	37.00		37.00	20
TAILS		T	28.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	69.00-70.00		69.61	132

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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Trade sentiment was steady to instances weak on fresh tom breast meat. Demand slow to fair. Offerings in a full range, mostly adequate to fully adequate with some sellers starting to indicate a willingness to negotiate and some buyers noting offers at 182 cents delivered. Frozen tom breast meat undertone steady with no trading and only limited interest reported. Fresh destrapped tenderloin trade sentiment steady to firm, frozen steady to barely steady. Demand was fair to good on fresh and light on frozen destrapped tenderloins. Fresh destrapped tenderloins were mostly short of buyers' needs, frozen readily available. Offerings on the balance of white meat items were light at best and held in firm hands. Trading centered on heavy volume of frozen thigh meat for export, balance light. Some inquiry on tom frozen thigh meat for prompt export shipments to Mexico was going unfilled and interest for Russia was noted for October deliveries.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	103.67	120	103.40	200
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	20	154.00	20
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	93.33	120		
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	36.00-37.00		36.50	18	37.35	201
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH						
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	35.00		35.00	60	34.62	105
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	34.00		34.00	20	36.21	110
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	36.00		36.00	20	34.68	62
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	39.00	40	37.93	214
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	50.00		50.00	60	50.00	60
NECKS, TOM	34.00		34.00	80	34.51	415
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	165.00	47	165.00	85
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	185.00-189.00		186.82	220	184.43	888
THIGH MEAT	70.00		70.00	20	70.00	35
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	69.00		69.00	15	68.67	121
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	124.15	94	124.15	94
SCAPULA MEAT	126.00-130.50		128.25	40	129.13	80
TENDERLOINS		R	143.00	12	142.38	32
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	147.50		147.50	20	147.17	60
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	160.00		160.00	16	153.64	176
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	78.50		78.50	40	76.25	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	40	19.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	17.50-19.00		18.70	100	17.28	962
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		R	37.00	80	36.40	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	37.00	20	37.00	20
TAILS	29.00		29.00	28	28.41	68
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	19.00	40	19.00	380
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00-70.00		67.55	804	68.12	1,096

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